

# DIVERSITY CAFE



## THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

Meet the  
Diversity Council

### Café News

Can you sing, dance, or play a musical instrument? Interested in sharing your talent with your fellow employees at the International Committee's 6th annual "Holidays Around The World" celebration? To learn more, call Steve Milewski at (626) 458-5998.

### Diversity Calendar

**December 20, 2012** – The International Committee is hosting the 6th annual "Holidays Around The World" in the cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m..



Diversity Chair Flora Wiegiers (center) and the Diversity Council Zahra Karimy, Patricia Rincon, Gus Nakhoul, Nick Kaveh, John Zeigler, Steve Milewski, Tony Khalkhali, Robert Hartoonian, and Elmer Jacobs.

Not Pictured: Art Diaz, Ruby Wang, Eric Baul, and Armine Kesablyan.

## November Café Special



Every month, members of LA County Public Works Department's Diversity Council meet to plan and coordinate diversity events at the Headquarters building with the mission of promoting diversity in the workplace.

This month, the Diversity Café would like to introduce you to the Council.

**Eric Baul (WRD)**, an 18-year Public Works employee and Philippines native, believes that by working together we can accomplish more.

**Arthur Diaz (FMD)**, the Council's field liaison, has learned in his 32 years with the Department, that the better we get to know and understand each other, the better the Department will be.

**Robert Hartoonian (WWD)**, who joined Public Works 6 years ago, is of Armenian descent, and believes that a lack of respect for diversity has played a role in some of the darkest times in world history.

**Elmer Jacobs (SMP)**, who began his career with the Department 22 years ago, originally from Missouri, has always had a passion for promoting equality for all people.

**Zahra Karimy (T&L)**, a 12-year employee of the Department, who was born in Iran, believes the Council should be a strategic partner with the Department in promoting diversity.

**Nick Kaveh (IAG)**, a 17-year employee, enjoys learning from different cultures, and the opportunity to share that passion is what drew him to the Council.

**Armine Kesablyan (EPD)**, has been with the Department for 11 years and is vice-chair of the International Committee.

**Tony Khalkhali (LDD)**, a 28-year employee, born in Iran, believes that diversity opens minds and unlocks our potential to solve problems.

**Steve Milewski (PDD)**, a 23-year Department veteran and Chicago native, enjoys exposing his coworkers to different cultures.

**Gus Nakhoul (CON)**, a 23-year Department employee, originally from Lebanon, believes it's far more rewarding to give than to receive.

**Patricia Rincon (PDD)**, who joined Public Works 14 years ago, is a native of California, and she enjoys exposing her colleagues to the beauty of different cultures.

**Ruby Wang (WMD)**, a 19-year employee with the Department, originally from Taiwan, prefers to think of diversity as a beautiful mosaic.

**Flora Wiegiers (ADM)**, the Diversity Manager and Council Chair, who joined the County 10 years ago, believes that everything improves when we embrace diversity and celebrate common bonds.

**John Zeigler (PDD)**, a Mississippi native, and 9-year Department employee, believes that diverse perspectives yield better results.

Public Works thanks the Council for their commitment to making a difference in the workplace.

# VISION

Creating communities...sustaining life

# MISSION

We provide public infrastructure and municipal services  
to protect and enrich the daily lives of over  
ten million people in Los Angeles County

# VALUES



Safety



Integrity



Teamwork



Transparency



Excellence



Employees



Sustainability

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